

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 510

H.P. 379

House of Representatives, January 19, 1999

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**An Act to Favor Maine Companies in Awarding Bids.**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: GERRY of Auburn, SHOREY of Calais, SNOWE-MELLO  
of Poland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2                   **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

4                   **11. Opportunity for in-state bidder to revise bid.** If the  
6 **best-value bidder determined in accordance with subsections 7 to**  
8 **9 is a nonresident bidder, any in-state bidder whose price is**  
10 **within 10% of the nonresident bidder's price and who offers**  
12 **commodities or services of equivalent quality and availability**  
14 **must be offered an opportunity to match the nonresident bidder's**  
16 **price. If the in-state bidder offers a price equal to or lower**  
18 **than the nonresident bidder's price, the contract must be awarded**  
20 **to that in-state bidder.**

### SUMMARY

18                   This bill allows in-state bidders on state contracts an  
20 opportunity to match the price of a nonresident bidder if the  
22 in-state bidder offers commodities or services that are otherwise  
equivalent to that offered by the nonresident bidder, and the  
initial price offered by the in-state bidder is within 10% of the  
price offered by the nonresident bidder.